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SUBJECT: QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN TAIZ

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED
1. NIMEIRI SCHEDULED TO DEPART KHARTOUM
TUESDAY MARCH 15 FOR MUSCAT, FIRST STOP OF
VISIT TO THREE SOUTHERN ARABIAN COUNTRIES. SCHEDULED
REMAIN THERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS DURING WHICH HE WILL
DISCUSS BILATERAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH SULTAN
QABOOS. NIMEIRI WILL THEN PROCEED TO ADEN WHERE
ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS HE WILL MEET PRESIDENT'S OF BOTH
YEMENS.

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2. ACCORDING FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID AS REPORTED IN
EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW IN AL-AYAM MARCH 15, THERE WILL
BE QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT IN TAIZ QUOTE DURING COMING
WEEK UNQUOTE. SIAD BARRE OF SOMALIA WILL JOIN
NIMEIRI, HAMDY AND SALIM RABEEA AL THERE. AYAM
SAYS FOUR LEADERS WILL DISCUSS CERTAIN
IMPORTANT ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION

AMONG FOUR COUNTRIES. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. DURING GENERAL CONVERSATION MARCH 15, MINSTATE FONAFFS DENG CONFIRMED FOREGOING TO AMBASSADOR AND STATED NIMEIRI WOULD BE ABSENT KHARTOUM ABOUT A WEEK. DENG, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT TO WASHINGTON, INDICATED HE UNFAMILIAR DETAILS TAIZ SUMMIT BUT SAID THAT PLANNING FOR IT HAD BEEN PROCEEDING FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS. DENG HOPED OUTCOME WOULD MAKE CLEAR EXTENT TO WHICH ALL FOUR POWERS ARE PREPARED WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE SECURITY IN RED SEA REGION WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE FORCES. FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID, WHO ACCOMPANYING NIMEIRI, WILL BE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER PRESIDENT RETURNS KHARTOUM IN ORDER BRIEF USG RE WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

4. COMMENT. NIMEIRI CLEARLY ACTING WITH FULL BACKING EGYPTIANS AND SAUDIS AND WILL BE ARGUING AGAINST INCREASING SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AND INVOLVEMENT IN RED SEA AREA, ESPECIALLY ETHIOPIA. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAIZ SUMMIT NO DOUBT MADE DURING RECENT CAIRO AFRO-ARAB CONCLAVE, SUGGESTING MOTIVATION ONE OF GENERAL CONCERN AT DEVELOPMENTS IN REGION RATHER THAN SPECIFIC REACTION TO CURRENT TOUR CUBA'S CASTRO TO ADEN, MOGADISCIO AND ADDIS. BREWER

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